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ISRAELI NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES AND THREAT

Draft resolution submitted by Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen,

The General Conference,

(a) Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Conference, the latest being resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/570 of 1991 entitled "Israeli nuclear capabilities and threat",

(b) Further recalling General Assembly resolutions on the risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East, the latest being resolution A/RES/52/41 of 31 December 1997,

(c) Cognizant that the proliferation of nuclear weapons in the Middle East region would pose a serious threat to international peace and security, and therefore recognizing the urgent need to prevent a proliferation of nuclear weapons and a nuclear arms race in the Middle East region,

(d) Mindful of the immediate need to place all nuclear facilities in the Middle East region under full-scope Agency safeguards, with a view to establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region,

(e) Recalling the resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on 11 May 1995, in which the Conference noted with concern the continued existence in the Middle East of unsafeguarded nuclear facilities, reaffirmed the importance of early realization of universal adherence to the Treaty, and called upon all States in the Middle East that had not yet done so, without exception, to accede to the Treaty as soon as possible and to place all their nuclear facilities under full-scope International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards,

(f) Gravely concerned about the nuclear capabilities of Israel and the threat posed by it to peace and security in the region, and

(g) Alarmed at the continuous refusal by Israel to place all its nuclear installations under the Agency's safeguards,

1. Calls upon Israel, the only State in the Middle East region that is not party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, to accede to it without further delay, and not to develop, produce, test or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons and to renounce possession of nuclear weapons, and to place all its unsafeguarded nuclear facilities under full-scope International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards as an important measure for building confidence among all States of the region and as a step towards enhancing international peace and security;

2. Urges all the States supplying nuclear materials, equipment and related assistance to Israel to apply full-scope Agency safeguards to their exports to Israel;

3. Requests the Director General to conduct consultations with the interested and concerned parties on the implementation of this resolution and calls upon especially those States which have a special responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security to render all necessary assistance to the Director General in this regard;

4. Further requests the Director General to inform the Security Council of this resolution through the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda for its forty-third regular session an item entitled, "Israeli nuclear capabilities and threat"; and

6. Requests the Director General to submit to the General Conference at its forty-third regular session a report on the implementation of this resolution.